

REMARKS**Introductory Comments**

Prior to this Response, claims 1-68 are pending in this application.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's species election requirement.

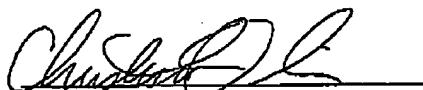
By this Response, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have elected the species of claim 1 and amended claims 19, 28, 33, 38, 53, 57, 65, and 67 to depend from claim 1 in response to the species election requirement, and not for any reason related to patentability. Applicants have cancelled claims 56 and 62-64 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-elected claims 19, 28, 33, 38, 53, 56, 57, 62-64 and 67 (in independent form), in this case if none of the elected claims are allowed or in a subsequent case. Figs. 1-32 are supported by the elected claims.

Final Comments

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the same be granted. Applicants request that, if necessary, this Response be considered a request for an extension of time for a time appropriate for the Response to be timely filed. Applicants request that any required fees for filing this Response be charged to the account of Bose McKinney & Evans LLP, Deposit Account Number 02-3223.

Respectfully submitted,

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